

## **Arkansas Qualified Products List (QPL) Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What requirements does my product need to meet to be considered for inclusion on the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) Qualified Products List?**

- Find the QPL category you would like your product to be included in. Each individual QPL has a section labeled “Method of Approval” which details the requirements that must be met to be included in that QPL.

### **How can I get my product evaluated for the Arkansas Qualified Products List?**

- A letter with company letterhead must be submitted to Michael Benson, Materials Engineer, requesting the product be evaluated for the particular QPL.

Example of a product name and a particular QPL:

**Bob’s Backer Rod for QPL 501 - Backer Rod For Joint Sealing**

- The request letter may be sent to the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), Materials Division, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72203 or emailed to [materials@ardot.gov](mailto:materials@ardot.gov)
- If product samples are required for testing please send them to the following physical address:

Arkansas Department of Transportation  
Materials Division  
11301 West Baseline Road  
Little Rock, AR 72209

### **What time frame can I expect for completion of the evaluation process of my product(s) once it is submitted to the Materials Division?**

- Samples are tested in the order they are received. Any current construction related testing always supersedes new QPL product testing.
- Most product evaluations are completed within 3 months of receiving the product with proper documentation. Any missing documentation may delay the evaluation of a product.

### **What happens after the product(s) has been evaluated by the Materials Division?**

- Once the product evaluation is complete, a letter will be sent to the company stating the product complies or fails to comply with the Department’s specifications. If the product complies, a certification agreement will be included. The certification agreement must be

signed and returned to the Materials Division before the product will be placed on the Qualified Products List.

**My product doesn't fit into any particular QPL. Who do I contact?**

- If your product does not line up with any of the current individual QPLs, it may not be allowed by the current specifications. If you feel your product may be useful to the Department, you can submit it to be reviewed by the New Products Evaluation Committee. Send your request for new product evaluation to [materials@ardot.gov](mailto:materials@ardot.gov) and place "New Products Evaluation Committee" in the subject line.

**I would like to get an aggregate source approved for use on a Department Project. What steps are required for an aggregate source approval?**

- The Department does not perform pre-bid testing on both fine and coarse aggregates.
- A contractor who has been awarded the bid to a Department project must choose an approved aggregate source listed on the Department QPL. If the source chosen by the contractor is not currently approved for Department projects, the Materials Division will make arrangements to sample the aggregate source to evaluate the material.

**How often will the Department sample the aggregate source after approval?**

- The Department will take yearly aggregate source samples from previously approved sources to determine if the aggregates continue to meet soundness and abrasion specifications.

**Does the Department accept third-party test results of aggregate sources for placement on the Qualified Products List?**

- The Department only accepts aggregates based on Materials Division test results.
- Aggregate tests performed by third-party laboratories will not be used for source approval.